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SUBJ: CCMS: PARIS MEETING ON ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY FOLLOW
UP (MAY 10)

REF: PARIS 5052 AND 5439

1. PROPOSE TO ISSUE FOLLOWING INVITATION TO MAY 10 MEETING.
REQUEST M. GERONDEAU'S CLEARANCE.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE

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DEAR :

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO INVITE YOU PERSONALLY TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH (INSERT NAME OF OTHER INVITEES) TO DISCUSS FUTURE COORDINATION AND PRIORITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ROAD SAFETY MATTERS. M. CHRISTIAN GERONDEAU HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO HOST THIS MEETING IN PARIS ON FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1974. WE WILL COMMUNICATE THE EXACT TIME AND PLACE TO YOU IN APRIL.

THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY, WHICH WAS LED BY THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE AREA OF (NAME OF PROJECT), WAS COPILOTTED BY YOUR COUNTRY, WILL BE COMPLETED WITH PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT AT THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION TO BE HELD MAY 7-8, IN TURIN, ITALY. WITHOUT FOLLOW UP TO THE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT, SOME OF WHICH CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, THE EFFORT EXPENDED SO FAR MAY GO FOR NAUGHT, AND THE COMMITMENT CONTAINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY MAY NEVER BE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

M. GERONDEAU AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT HIGH LEVEL ROAD SAFETY POLICY-MAKERS OF INTERESTED NATIONS, SUCH AS YOURSELF, NEED TO DECIDE WHAT FOLLOW UP ACTIONS ON THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AND INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION NEED TO BE TAKEN AND WHO SHOULD DO THE WORK. DECISIONS BY THIS GROUP WILL PROVIDE POLICY-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR TECHNICAL INITIATIVES. WHO (E.G., ISO, ECE, ECMT, OECD, CCMS) UNDERTAKES A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT IS NOT OF AS MUCH CONCERN AS THAT PRIORITIES BE SET AND RESULTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM PAY OFF AND AVOID DUPLICATION, WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DEVISE A COHERENT OVERALL PLAN WHEREBY COOPERATION IN THESE HIGHLY TECHNICAL AREAS CAN BE CARRIED OUT. THE PLAN SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY POLICY IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BOTH THE PROBLEMS AND THE MEANS TO DEAL WITH THEM.

YOU WILL FIND ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER A COPY OF A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR OUR ONE DAY MEETING. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE ROAD SAFETY FIELD IS AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE NOW THAT THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AND ITS SEVEN PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED. PROPERLY GUIDED BY POLICY MAKING OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE CONTINUING COOPERATION OF THIS TYPE CAN BE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE OVER THE LONG TERM IN REDUCING DEATH AND INJURIES ON OUR HIGHWAYS. THE ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AND ITS PROJECTS TO WHICH WE HAVE ALL COMMITTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAVE INDICATED POTENTIALLY FRUITFUL

COURSES OF ACTION. IT IS NOW UP TO US TO DIRECT FUTURE EFFORT INTO PROPER CHANNELS AND TO INDICATE APPROPRIATE PRIORITIES.

COULD I ASK YOU TO COMMUNICATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA AND YOUR REPLY ON ATTENDING THE MEETING THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN (YOUR CAPITAL)? EMBASSY OFFICIALS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPEDITE TRANSMISSION SO THAT WE CAN QUICKLY COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS.

M. CHRISTIAN GERONDEAU AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SHORTLY AND TO SEEING YOU IN PARIS THIS MAY.

SINCERELY,

J. GREGORY
ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTOR, CCMS, ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY

ATTACHMENT

END OF TEXT: UNQUOTE:

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

PROPOSED AGENDA
MAY 10, 1974, MEETING
PARIS

ITEM 1. SAFETY PROGRAM EXCHANGE AND BI-ANNUAL REVIEW

THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY CALLS FOR EXCHANGE
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OF ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS (PARA 3B). AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES MUST BE REACHED BY INTERESTED NATIONS AT THE POLICY LEVEL RATHER QUICKLY IN ORDER TO HAVE A COORDINATED EXCHANGE READY FOR SEPTEMBER. THE CCMS PILOT STUDY REPORT RECOMMENDS CRITERIA FOR THE EXCHANGE AND GIVES ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF A FORMAT THAT MIGHT BE USED. CANADA IN ITS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT SUGGESTED THAT COUNTRIES FIRST MAKE ONE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. THE, AFTER HIGH LEVEL REVIEW AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDELINES, A WORKING GROUP COULD DEVELOP A DETAILED REPORTING FORMAT ACCORDINGLY. POLICY LEVEL GUIDANCE AND AN AGREEMENT OF WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION WILL LEAD THE WORK IS NEEDED. ONE OF SEVERAL EXISTING INTERNATIONAL BODIES MIGHT WELL BE CALLED UPON TO UNDERTAKE THESE FUNCTIONS. ECMT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS ONE APPROACH. THIS AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES WILL BE EXAMINED. CLOSELY RELATED IS THE MATTER OF THE BI-ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF

NATIONAL PROGRAMS (PARA 2B OF THE RESOLUTION) WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE PROGRAM EXCHANGE.

ITEM 2. COORDINATION OF FOLLOW UP ON CCMS PILOT STUDY ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS

ASSUMING AGREEMENT, IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS (FORMERLY CALLED ANNEXES) TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION OF ROAD SAFETY WITH RESPECT TO PROJECT AREAS OF ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY, ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, AND EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLES, THEY WILL BE ADOPTED AT THE CCMS SPRING PLENARY. EACH OF THE OTHER FOUR PROJECTS COMPRISING THE CCMS PILOT STUDY HAS ALSO MADE SEVERAL ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS (IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS). PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION SHOULD BE HELD ON PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCESSING THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS FOR EVENTUAL ADOPTION BY CCMS. THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES OF INVITING EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (E.G., CCMS, OECD) TO ASSUME FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITIES.

ITEM 3. OTHER BUSINESS

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